

REMARKS

Claims 1-29 are pending in this application and stand finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). A Notice of Appeal has been filed and the Appeal Brief is being filed on even date herewith.

In the final office action, the Examiner objected to claim 18 due to an informality in claim 18 in which a phrase was inadvertently repeated. The Examiner indicated that he deemed the Applicant's intent to be the same as the language in claim 18 presented in this amendment. Therefore, Applicant asserts that this amendment is proper and respectfully requests entry of the amendment to place the claims in proper condition for appeal.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayments to Deposit Account No. 502432.

If the Examiner has any questions or concerns regarding this application, please contact the undersigned at (612) 332-4720.

Respectfully submitted,

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